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FOR AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD FROM ASST. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

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TAGS: OVIP (FRANK PRESS), CH, US, JA

SUBJECT: FRANK PRESS VISIT TO PEKING

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1. AT THE FIRST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD SEEK TO BRIEF PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA PERSONALLY ON THE FRANK PRESS DELEGATION TRIP TO PEKING, DRAWING UPON THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL FOR BACKGROUND, BUT ADDING THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN BRIEFING POINTS FOR LOWER LEVELS OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. YOU SHOULD EM-

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PHASIZE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AT THIS STAGE BEFORE WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ABOUT PARTICULAR PROPOSALS WITHIN THE USG OR WITH THE CHINESE.

2. THE CHINESE APPEARED TO BE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING COOPERATIVE POSSIBILITIES IN SPACE, INCLUDING TENTATIVELY THE LAUNCHING OF A COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE AND PARTICI-

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PATING IN LANDSAT ACTIVITIES. THE CHINESE ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS TO BEGIN STUDENT EXCHANGES, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE NUMBER THEY ENVISAGE SENDING HERE WAS LEFT UNCLEAR, BUT MIGHT REACH 350-500 IN A YEAR'S TIME. AREAS OF STUDY WOULD COVER SCIENCE AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY FIELDS AT THE UNDERGRADUATE AS WELL

AS GRADUATE LEVEL. CHINESE RECEPTION OF OTHER US PROPOSALS, WHILE FAVORABLE, VARIED IN ENTHUSIASM. THEY SHOWED A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE PROPOSALS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY AND IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS.

3. ALL PROJECTS FALL IN THE CIVILIAN REALM. THE CHINESE ARE PREPARED TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY.

4. WE ARE NOW ORGANIZING THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE VISIT. WE ANTICIPATE HOLDING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE ON IMPLEMENTATION IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. AS VARIOUS COOPERATIVE PROPOSALS ARE AGREED THEY WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING YOUR OWN PLANS IN THIS AREA, AND WE BELIEVE IT IS MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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